

MINUTES

13.12.2016

GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 13th December 2016 starting at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Draper - Chairman
Cllr Cakebread
Cllr Fell
Cllr Lintonbon
Cllr Pomphrey
Cllr Thomas
Cllr Williams

Mrs Bev Cornish – Clerk
Five members of the public.

Public Session: No questions were raised nor statements made by members of the public.

Litter Warden: Mrs Sara Boyd gave a brief report and said that the new litter bins were working well. However, she said that the one near Blissford appeared to have been hit by a vehicle and needs to be reinstated to an upright position. She also said that she had seen a sign on the public litter bins in Horsham which stated 'there is no such thing as the dog poo fairy'

Cllr Draper thanked Mrs Boyd on behalf of the Parish Council for all her and her family's hard work in keeping the village tidy over the last year.

116.16 To receive apologies for absence: The Chairman advised that apologies had been received from Cllr Bill Dow and Cllr Edward Heron.

117.16 To resolve to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2016: Cllr Cakebread proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2016 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

118.16 Declarations of Interest:

- a. **To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers:** Cllr Fell declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Minutes 109.16 and 110.16 and did not speak or vote when they were discussed.
- b. **To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered:** No dispensation requests had been received.

119.16 To resolve to note Clerk's Report providing information on recent issues and work completed: Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the following report be noted:

Signed by Chairman

10th January 2017

19.16: Pitts Wood Bridge: The Clerk would chase again Mr Bruce Rothnie at the Forestry Commission from whom a response had still not been received to the Parish Council's request to install a bridge at Pitts Wood.

78.16: Summer Campsites: The Clerk had yet to receive a response from Lucy Cooper and would chase again.

120.16 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

Application No. 16/00932 Hunters Chase, Castle Hill, Godshill Wood –

Two bay carport and logstore: Following a brief report from the Clerk, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for the application on the grounds that the application consisted of a good design which would enhance the conservation area and, by enabling cars to be parked within the curtilage of the site, would reduce the impact on the verges and landscape of the New Forest.

Application No. 16/00927 Highfield, Blissford Road, Blissford –

Single storey extension to mobile home: Following a brief report from Cllr Thomas, he proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED unanimously that Godshill Parish Council should recommend permission for the application on the grounds that the proposal is compelling, appropriate and logical to support the needs and exceptional circumstances of the applicant and her family.

Application No. CONS/16/1173 Godshill Wood House, Godshill Wood –

Fell 2 x Oak trees Prune 3 x Oak trees: Following a brief report from the Clerk which contained comments from an immediate neighbour, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the decision be left to the Tree Officer.

121.16 To consider the latest position with respect to the various options for the devolution of powers to local government in Hampshire, as set out in the report from PricewaterhouseCoopers, and to agree on any actions to be taken: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair that the Clerk should write a letter, with the assistance of Cllr Cakebread, to County Councillor Edward Heron expressing the Parish Council's concerns with regard to the formation of a unitary or combined authority which could result in the issues and wishes of small rural parishes being overridden by the larger town councils, such as Basingstoke and Winchester and there being little consideration to the two National Parks in the county.

122.16 To resolve to approve the annual insurance premium of £306.37 with Aviva from Came & Company: Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Cakebread seconded and it was RESOLVED that the payment be approved.

123.16 To approve the following payments:

£19.20 – Cllr R Fell – For travel expenses to attend meeting of Development Control Committee at Lymington on the Latchmore Brook application.

£70.75 – Viking – For printer cartridges.

£36.70 – Damerham Parish Council – For councillor training with HALC.

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that the payments be approved.

124.16 Finance and Policy:

a. Precept 2017/18 - To consider and resolve to approve the draft budget and precept submitted by the Clerk and to consider any projects for the 2017/18 financial year:

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that a Precept of £10,520 for 2017/18 be approved which was a decrease of 2.5% on 2016/17.

Consideration was given to the possible purchase of a Speed Limit Repeater Sign (SLR). However, councillors agreed to await the outcome of the trial SLR to be installed in the Southampton Road by New Forest District Council in the spring before considering using some reserves to purchase an SLR for use in the parish.

Cllr Cakebread asked that the Parish Council's thanks for the work done on the precept by the Clerk be recorded.

b. To consider and resolve to approve the allocated reserves of the Parish Council:

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was RESOLVED that the existing reserves of £1100 for Speedwatch and £2,000 for the continuation of the footpath project remain unchanged.

c. To consider requests for grants under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 from: Following a discussion, Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Fell seconded and it was resolved that the following amounts be approved:

- Fordingbridge & District Day Centre £150
- New Forest Disability Information Service £50

It was further resolved that the following amounts be approved for an additional two organisations as follows:

- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance £150
- Fordingbridge Community First Responders £150

d. To resolve to approve the payment of the Accounts:

	£	Cheque No.
Came & Co - Annual Insurance premium	306.37	100495
Cllr R Fell - Travel expenses	19.20	100496
Viking - Printer cartridges	70.75	100497
Damerham Parish Council - Councillor training	36.70	100498
B Cornish - December Salary	313.40	100499

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Lintonbon seconded and it was resolved that they be approved.

e. To resolve to approve the Bank balances – Cheque and Reserve Accounts. Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 13.12.16:

Current Account: £14,873.43 Deposit Account: £579.62

Cllr Draper proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was resolved that they be approved.

125.16 Outside Bodies and Representation:

NFPA Development Control Committee: Cllr Fell gave a report on a very lengthy, well attended and contentious meeting at which he had spoken on behalf of the Parish Council and which had resulted in the Committee's refusal of the Latchmore Brook application.

North West Quadrant: Cllr Cakebread gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which the issues of Planning Policy DP11 for Extensions, the small grants scheme, footpaths, the Local Plan and liaison with DEFRA to minimise the impact of Brexit on the National Park had been discussed.

Western Escarpment Conservation Area Steering Group: Cllr Thomas gave a report on a recent meeting at which the Forestry Commission leaflets for circulation to parishes, welcome packs, Article 4 directions, the Local Distinctiveness Project and the need for action by parishes to identify obsolete or damaged signs had been discussed.

Cllr Williams agreed to contact Mrs Anne Dobson with regard to the Welcome Packs for new residents as the Village Hall Committee had started to put together information to be included in a welcome pack.

126.16 To resolve to note the Correspondence received: Cllr Draper proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted:

1. New Forest District Council – An email from Ms Julie Dunsdon enclosing the Precept Tax Base for 2017/18 and request form.
2. Hampshire County Council – An email from Ms Natalie Hands advising of the plan to hold Footpath workshops between January and April 2017 and a request for parishes to express any interest in attending them.
3. Hyde Parish Council – An invitation from the Clerk to attend a meeting with Mr Steve Avery and Hyde Parish Council to review the decisions made on recent planning applications.
4. Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society – An email enclosing the December edition of Waymark.
5. New Forest Bike Project – An email asking if the Parish Council would mention their bike recycling project to residents via its website/newsletter/notice boards. They are New Forest based and serve the area by refurbishing unwanted donated bicycles and getting them back out to people who need them. More info about the New Forest Bike Project social aims and objectives on the website and social media can be found on their website <http://www.newforestbikeproject.org>.
6. Hampshire Association of Local Councils – An email from Ms Michelle Leadbetter enclosing the recent interim report on the Councillor Commission.
7. Forestry Commission – An email from Mr John Stride responsible for the New Forest Inclosures Forest Design Plan advising of the revised timeframe and apologies for the delay. He also says that through the FC's consultation it received some very constructive feedback which has been used to develop and refine the Plan further. For this they are truly grateful and they will be working hard to incorporate views and balance these against their organisational responsibilities. The draft of the plan should be available early in the New Year.
8. New Forest District Council – An invitation to attend a briefing by Chief Executive, Bob Jackson on the latest position with respect to the various options for the devolution of powers to local government on Wednesday 7th December at 10 am before the Cabinet Meeting.

9. New Forest District Council – An email from Ms Carol Toms advising of various road closures across the district during the next year.
10. Fordingbridge Town Council – An email from Mrs Debbie Vine advising of the dates of the lengthsman's visits in 2017.
11. Fordingbridge Town Council – An invitation to the Chairman from the Mayor of Fordingbridge to attend a celebration for the 35th Anniversary of the twinning between Fordingbridge and Vimoutiers at the Town Hall on the morning of Saturday 27th May 2017.
12. Ms Deborah Gordon – An email requesting information on the plans for money in the Parish Council's bank account and whether it is earmarked for a particular project. If it is just going to sit in a bank account it's not helping the parish so will the council be taking this in to account when setting budgets and the Precept request.

127.16 Any Other Business:

Sandy Balls Holiday Centre: Cllr Draper advised that there was a possibility that Sandy Balls may be in the process of selling the Centre to another holiday company. If this was the case, he said the Parish Council would be keen to meet with the new management team to avail them of the matters about which residents were concerned and to assure them of the keenness of councillors to build a good working relationship.

128.16 Next meeting: Cllr Draper confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 10th January 2017 and wished everyone present a Happy Christmas.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.58 pm.

Members of the Council considered the foregoing in the matters in consideration of their duties: Equal Opportunities, (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, and Human Rights.